

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A PC card drive apparatus comprising:

a housing portion for loading a magnetic disk cartridge therein, the housing portion comprising a metallic base portion and a metallic upper lid; and

a non-metallic coating having a low frictional coefficient and anti-wear properties, provided on surfaces of metal parts of the housing portion against which outer surfaces of the magnetic disk cartridge case slide during insertion and ejection thereof into and from the housing portion,

wherein the surfaces of metal parts of the housing portion comprise a surface region of a the metallic base portion of the drive apparatus and an inner surface of a the metallic upper lid of the housing portion.

2. (original): A PC card drive apparatus as defined in claim 1, wherein:

the non-metallic coating having a low frictional coefficient and anti-wear properties is selected from among PTFE's, PFA's, modified fluorine resins, Teflon® graphites, and diamond like carbons (DLC's).

3. (canceled).

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4. (canceled).

5. (previously presented): The PC card drive apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said magnetic disk cartridge comprises a rotary shutter.

6. (canceled).